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SUBJ: ISRAEL AND GSP: PROPOSED TEXT OF ISRAELI NOTE TO PROVIDE
ASSURANCES REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 502(B)3 OF THE TRADE ACT

REF: STATE 154772

1. JULY 3, EMBOFF MET WITH NEDIVI, RAISED POINTS REFTEL
AND PRESENTED COPY OF TEXT OF DRAFT ISRAELI NOTE.
EMBASSY WILL GIVE NEDIVI COPY OF PRODUCT LIST AFTER DOZIER'S
ARRIVAL.

2. NEDIVI RAISED FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERNING TEXT WHICH
EMBOFF PROMISED TO PASS TO DEPT FOR COMMENT. (A) REFER-
RING TO PARA 2, SUBPARA C, REFERENCE TO QUOTE..SAME
PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH UNQUOTE SHOULD
ACTUALLY REFER TO SENTENCE WHICH FOLLOWS IN TEXT AND
SHOULD READ QUOTE..SAME PERIOD SPECIFIED BELOW UNQUOTE.
(B) CONCERNING PARA 2, SUBPARA B, LAST SENTENCE STILL
UNDER CONSIDERATION BY GOI CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AND THERE
IS NOT YET FINAL ACCEPTANCE. (C) THROUGHOUT NOTE QUOTE

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MFN DUTIES UNQUOTE IS USED AND THIS COULD BE PROBLEMATIC

BECAUSE GOI'S DUTIES ARE NOT OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED AS MFN. NONETHELESS, GOI DOES REDUCE DUTIES ON AN MFN BASIS. SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF THIS USAGE ARE IN PARA 1, SUBPARA B OF PARA 2 AND PARA 3. NEDIVI PROMISED TO CONTINUE CHECKING THIS POINT WITH LEGAL ADVISERS, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO DELETE QUOTE MFN UNQUOTE AND REFER ONLY TO DUTIES. HE ALSO BELIEVED IT WOULD BE GOOD TO INSERT QUOTE MFN UNQUOTE WHEN DISCUSSING DUTY REDUCTIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN LAST SENTENCE OF SUBPARA B OF PARA 2 WHICH WOULD THEN READ QUOTE...ARE SUBJECT TO IDENTICAL DUTIES AND ARE SUBJECT TO UNIFORM RATES OF MFN REDUCTION, IF ANY. UNQUOTE.

3. NEDIVI REQUESTED CONFIRMATION THAT GOI'S NOTE WOULD BE PUBLISHED BY USG AND CLARIFICATION IF THIS ALSO MEANT THAT AGREED PRODUCT LIST WOULD BE PUBLISHED. NEDIVI WONDERED IF IT WERE POSSIBLE IF PARA 5 COULD BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE NOTE WITH REFERENCE TO NOTE CONTAINING FIRST FOUR PARAS.

4. CONCERNING ADDITIONAL TARIFF CUTS PER PARA 4, NEDIVI ASKED EMBASSY TO VERIFY LAST TARIFF HEADING WHICH WAS RECEIVED AS 48.01.9990 RPT 48.01.9990.

5. REGARDING US REQUEST FOR ADDITION ONE AGRICULTURAL ITEM NO. 24.02.1000 (MANUFACTURED TOBACCO/CIGARETTES), NEDIVI WAS PESSIMISTIC. DESPITE EMBOFF'S REPRESENTATIONS PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL, NEDIVI SAID THAT HE THOUGHT ISSUE HAD BEEN DISMISSED IN JUNE 24-27 CONSULTATIONS. HIS REASONING WAS THAT IT WAS DIFFERENT CATEGORY, THERE WAS NO PREFERENCE MARGIN NOW AND WOULD NOT BE UNTIL JULY, 1977, IT WOULD COMPLICATE AND DELAY THE PREPARATION OF THE AGREED PRODUCT LIST, AND THAT GOI MIGHT NOT INCLUDE IT UNLESS GOI RECEIVED SOMETHING IN RETURN. EMBOFF REITERATED USG POSITION THAT ITEM SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN FINAL PRODUCT LIST AND NEDIVI AGREED TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION UNTIL NEXT MEETING AT WHICH EMBASSY WILL PRESENT COPY PRODUCT LIST.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S COMMENTS.
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